

REMARKS

Claims 14-16 and 34-36 are now pending. Claims 14 and 15 are currently amended, and claims 34-36 are new. These amendments and new claims are supported throughout the original claims, specification and drawings – in particular, at pages 17-18. Claims 1-13 and 17-33 are canceled.

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2008.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct three obvious typographical errors. These amendments are supported by the remainder of the specification and by the drawings (for example, FIG. 3).

Requirement for Information

In response to the request for copies of documents “that any of the applicants relied upon to develop the disclosed subject matter that describes the applicant’s invention, particularly as to developing the formulas of claims 14 and 15,” Applicant responds that all such documents are already of record.

Claim Objections

Claims 14-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but deemed allowable if: “(a) they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; [and] (b) any deficiencies under 35 U.S.C. 101, 112, etc. are overcome.”

Applicant thanks Examiner Squires and SPE Kyle for the helpful telephonic interview held on November 18, 2008, in which guidance was provided for amendments to claims 14-16 that would overcome all grounds for rejection under sections 101 and 112. Claims 14 and 15 have been so amended (claim 16 is believed to require no amendment), and timely allowance of claims 14-16 is respectfully requested.

New claims 34-36 are parallel to claims 14-16, are believed to be allowable for the same reasons claim s 14-16 are allowable, and prompt allowance of those claims also is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

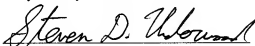
Although Applicant believes that the claims as originally filed (including claims 14-16) define patentable subject matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, Applicant has amended claims 14-16 as suggested by the Examiner to expedite allowance of these claims.

Also, in order to advance prosecution of the subject application, all original claims other than those deemed allowable have been canceled with this Response, rendering the rejections of such claims moot. However, cancellation of these rejected claims is not an admission that the claims are unpatentable, and Applicant intends to pursue that same subject matter in subsequent applications.

In light of the above, all claim rejections and objections are believed to be successfully traversed. Please charge all required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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